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R 302020Z DEC 77
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6505
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
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DIA WASHDC

UNCLAS SAN SALVADOR 6013

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PINS, ES
SUBJECT: MAJOR BOMBING IN SAN SALVADOR

1. LARGE BOMB (ESTIMATED BY FIRE CHIEF TO HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 20 STICKS OF DYNAMITE) DETONATED BY UNKNOWN PERSONS AT 8:20 P.M. DECEMBER 29 IN SAN SALVADOR. PRESS MORNING DEC. 30 HEADLINED EXPLOSION AND CARRIED PHOTOS OF EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. AT LEAST THREE PERSONS INJURED BY EXPLOSION, BUT NO REPORTED DEATHS.

2. INFORMATION CONCERNING BOMBING STILL VERY SKETCHY WITH NO TERRORIST PROGAPANDA LOCATED AT SCENE NOR CLAIMS BY ANY GROUP FOR BEING RESPONSIBLE.

3. BOMB DESTROYED WAREHOUSE OF TEXTILE FIRM MEMTEX PLUS SURROUNDING HOUSES, SMALL STORES AND AT LEAST SEVEN AUTOMOBILES. SITE OF EXPLOSION ROUGHLY SIX BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY. WAREHOUSE OWNED BY OCTAVIO
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ORELLANA SOLIES, GUATEMALAN NATIONAL, WHO INCIDENTLY HAS CONTRACT FOR CARE OF GROUNDS AT U.S. EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE. HE ALSO RESIDED WITH FAMILY IN SAME AREA AND HIS WIFE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

4. BUILDING LEASED BY NIMTEX CORPORATION, OWNED BY SACA FAMILY WHO ARE WEALTHY MEMBERS OF SAN SALVADOR PALESTINIAN

COMMUNITY.

5. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE STATED THIS MOST POWERFUL BOMB EVER EXPLODED IN SAN SALVADOR. GOES OFFICIALS HAVE STATED THAT THEY HAVE NO CLUES AS TO MOTIVES OR PERPETRATORS. PRESS HAS LABELED INCIDENT AS ACT OF TERRORISM.

6. COMMENT. INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY CLEAR MOTIVE FOR THIS ACTION. THERE IS POSSIBLE TIE BETWEEN SAO FAMILY AND RECENTLY KIDNAPPED VICTOR SAFIE (SEE SAN SALVADOR 5898). EMBOFFS CHECKING ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN ATTEMPT TO FIND MOTIVE FOR WHAT AT PRESENT APPEARS TO POINTLESS ACT OF TERRORISM.
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